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My name is Janis Akuna, and I am seeking an At-Large seat on the Hawai'i State Board of Education.

While the public school system prepared me personally to attend college, eventually leading to a master's degree from the University of Hawai'i, I believe our schools should be in a position to prepare all children in the system to achieve their full potential. The vast majority of our children are eager to learn, and their teachers are just as eager and motivated to educate them. I'm running to help students and teachers alike make their experience in the public school system a resounding success. There is much to appreciate in the existing system, yet we all know there is much more to do to give our children a competitive advantage and to attract and keep top-notch educators. I wish to a part of that process.

My background has prepared me to serve on the Board of Education. I was a member of the School Council, was chair of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund during its operating existence, and I currently sit on several non-profit boards. My background is in finance, and I am a wealth advisor for one of Honolulu's largest international investment firms.

My varied background has prepared me for the challenge of making our public school a worthwhile experience for our children by equipping them with the skills they'll require to lead fulfilling and successful lives in an increasingly competitive world.

Mahalo for your vote, Janis Akuna